

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	: Guy VANCANNEYT, <i>et al.</i>		
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Examiner:	: Li ZHENG		
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Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2007**

Sir:

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Non-Final Rejection of September 7, 2007 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time within which to submit a response to the Office Action, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including March 7, 2008. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due for entry of these remarks, but should any fees required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

This response is provided in the following format:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3; and

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